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Greetings from Your I. A. T. E. Officers

The Illinois Association of Teachers of English is the second oldest of America's state and local associations of English teachers. It is also the second largest affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of English and is one of the most active in publication.

Unlike most of the *Bulletins*, which usually run from twelve to thirty-six pages, this first issue of the 1954-55 school year is a small one, intended to introduce or re-introduce you to your own state association. One of the later issues this year will be very large, and will more than make up for the small size of this one.

This is the forty-second year of *Bulletin* history. Edited for many years by the late H. G. Paul, and for shorter periods of time by Francis Koenig, Charles W. Roberts, and J. N. Hook, the *Bulletin* year after year has brought to Illinois teachers professional stimulation, suggestions concerning methods, reading lists, bibliographies, literary articles, speeches, and a host of other teaching aids. In the past few years, in addition to many articles, the *Bulletin* has printed detailed reports on the teaching of American ideals, studies of methods of theme evaluation, and brief biographical and bibliographical sketches of over two hundred Illinois authors. The Association also prepared, in 1952, a literary map of Illinois, which is still available (free) to new members of the association. The price to nonmembers is \$1.50.

As the new school year is now well under way, the officers of I.A.T.E. extend to you this invitation, if you are not already a member, to join the association which is intended primarily to serve Illinois teachers of English. Send your \$2.00 membership fee—which covers the cost of eight issues of the *Bulletin*—to Charles W. Roberts, 204-A Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

May your school year be a happy and successful one.

WILMER LAMAR, President

CHARLES WILLARD, Vice-President

FLORENCE COOK, Secretary

CHARLES W. ROBERTS, Treasurer

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I. A. T. E. Convention

Mark October 29-30 on your calendar now. Those are the dates of the annual meeting of I.A.T.E., co-sponsored by the University of Illinois Department of English and College of Education. As usual, the meeting will be held in Urbana, with the Illini Union as the chief meeting place.

Hiss Helen Stapp of Decatur, chairman, and the members of her committee have prepared a meaty program. There will be a textbook exhibit, which will be open to view from 9:00 Friday morning on. (Come early and browse at leisure.) The Executive Council will meet Friday morning from 10 to 12.

Teachers will be given tickets so that in small groups they can visit the new headquarters of the National Council of Teachers of English, 704 South Sixth Street, Champaign.

From 1 to 2 p.m. on Friday a Business Meeting for all members will be held. Then will come a lively—and possibly heated—panel discussion on "What English Skills Should Be Expected of the High School Graduate." Dr. Charles Willard of Southern Illinois University will be the moderator, and the participants will include Dr. Charles Roberts of the University of Illinois; Mrs. Russell Oplinger of Decatur, former state president of the P.T.A.; and Mr. James H. McCulloch of the General Electric Company in Danville.

One of the highlights of each of these annual conventions is the Friday dinner. This year Dr. Mark Neville, past president of the National Council, will be the featured speaker.

The Saturday morning sessions, starting at 9 a.m., fall under the heading "How We Do It." There will be panels and free discussion on such topics as "How we use television and radio," "How we use local backgrounds," "How we help poor readers," "How we teach vocabulary," "How we teach speech," "How we put on school plays," "How we use state and national publications," "How we articulate elementary and high school English," and "How we select literature for adolescents."

The speaker at the Saturday luncheon, which concludes the meeting, will be Professor J. N. Hook, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Teachers of English.

For reservations, please address Mr. Byron Fulk, 116 Illini Hall, University of Illinois, Champaign. Price of the dinner will be \$1.75. Price of the luncheon will be \$1.50. Please enclose your check for your meal tickets. There is no registration fee. You should write directly to a hotel or motel for room reservation—and do it early. The Inman Hotel and the Tilden Hall in Champaign and the Urbana-Lincoln in Urbana are popular. Less expensive are the Ford and Hamilton in Champaign. New motels are Chief Illini, Motel Mercer, and Lincoln Lodge in Urbana, Motel Thomasboro in Thomasboro, John's Motel in Savoy, and Champaign Tourist Court and Penny's Motel in Champaign.

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NCTE CONVENTION

This year's National Council convention, to be held in Detroit's Hotel Statler, November 25-27, will be more accessible to Illinois teachers than those in the past two years have been. Illinois should be well represented, especially since Champaign-Urbana is now the home of the national headquarters.

On the program are teachers from all over the country. Among those from Illinois are Harold Anderson of Chicago, Isabel Kincheloe of Chicago, John J. De Boer of Champaign, Morris Finder of Chicago, Marian Lovrien of Chicago, Irwin J. Suloway of Chicago, Henry W. Sams of Chicago, Olivia C. Cooke of Chicago, Mark Neville of Chicago, Nelle Groh of Chicago, Grant Mauk of Glenview-Northbrook, Addie Hochstrasser of Paris, Robert H. Carpenter of Winnetka, Helen Rand Miller of Evanston, Charles W. Roberts of Urbana, Wallace W. Douglas of Evanston, and J. N. Hook of Champaign. Mrs. Marguerite Henry, an Illinois author, will be the featured speaker at the "Books for Children Luncheon."

See you in Detroit?

THIS YEAR'S BULLETIN

Major project for this year's *Bulletin* is the publication of a completely new edition of *Books We Like*. This reading list is unique in that the books to be included were nominated by high school students, and annotated by them. A committee of teachers has been working on this publication for more than two years. It may be the largest issue of the *Bulletin* ever published.

As usual, one issue of the *Bulletin* will be devoted to some of the best prose written by Illinois high school students, and another to some of the best poetry. Each member of I.A.T.E. is invited to submit to the editors a small number of poems or prose pieces written by his students.

Other issues will contain helpful articles on outside reading, helping students learn to write, and other useful topics.

It looks like a good year for the *Bulletin* and for members of I.A.T.E.

CONSTITUTION

A specially appointed committee has prepared the following revised draft of the I.A.T.E. constitution. The changes will be explained and voted on at the meeting on October 29-30.

ARTICLE I—Name

The name of this organization shall be the Illinois Association of Teachers of English.

ARTICLE II—Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to organize school teachers of English in Illinois for united action in matters of mutual interest, for mutual assistance in improving instruction, and for stimulation of professional research.

ARTICLE III—Official Publication

The official publication of the association shall be called the ILLINOIS ENGLISH BULLETIN, and it shall be published monthly from October to May inclusive.

ARTICLE IV—Officers

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, the Chairman of the Committee on Committees, the Chairman of the Program Committee, and the Chairman of the Special Projects Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Council shall be composed of the above named officers and the Editor of the ILLINOIS ENGLISH BULLETIN.

Section 3. A Nominating Committee appointed at the spring meeting by the President will present a slate of officers for approval by the Executive Council and for election by members in attendance at the business session of the fall meeting.

Section 4. Should vacancies in any office occur during the year, they may be filled by the President.

ARTICLE V—Time of Meeting

Section 1. There shall be a general meeting of the entire organization in the fall.

Section 2. The Executive Council shall meet in the spring to make plans for the fall meeting and shall meet again preceding the general fall business session.

ARTICLE VI—Amending the Constitution

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, the proposed amendments having been in the hands of the Executive Council for consideration at least a week before the meeting.

BY-LAWS**ARTICLE I—Dues**

Section 1. The dues shall be two dollars a year.

Section 2. One dollar of this shall be payment for a subscription to the ILLINOIS ENGLISH BULLETIN.

Section 3. Fifty cents may be used to carry on work within each Division.

Section 4. Fifty cents may be used to carry on research and Executive Council work.

ARTICLE II—Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall call all meetings and preside at them and shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall appoint and direct the activities of the District Leaders, one person being appointed from each of the I.E.A. divisions, to serve for a term of three years.

Section 3. In addition to his usual duties, the Secretary shall notify all newly appointed officers of their election within two weeks after the fall meeting, shall notify the National Council of Teachers of English of the new officers, and shall send to the National Council of Teachers of English the credentials of delegates to the annual meeting.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall conduct all financial transactions for the organization, collecting dues and receiving payment for ILLINOIS ENGLISH BULLETIN sales, depositing such income in a banking account in the name of the organization, and paying bills incurred in publication and distribution of the bulletin, in preparation and mailing of promotional material, and organization expenses incurred by officers or by persons employed by the Special Projects Committee.

ARTICLE III—Activities for District Leaders

Section 1. The District Leaders from the I.E.A. Divisions shall form a Central Committee, whose duty shall be to carry into their respective Divisions the work of the Executive Council and the Special Projects Committee and to report to the Executive Council at its meetings the needs and desires of English teachers throughout the state.

Section 2. The District Leaders shall be responsible for organizing within their I.E.A. Divisions a Division Committee, which shall be composed of one representative from each county in the Division.

Section 3. The District Leaders shall, if possible, also call a meeting of the teachers of English within their District at the time of the Division meeting, or at any other more convenient time. They shall also cooperate with the colleges in their areas in sponsoring a spring meeting of teachers of English.

ARTICLE IV—Standing Committees and Their Duties

Section 1. The duty of the Special Projects Committee, appointed by the Executive Council, shall be to carry on studies suggested by the Council.

Section 2. The duty of the Committee on Committees, appointed by the Executive Council, shall be to work with the Extension Division of the University of Illinois in completing arrangements for the fall meeting.

Section 3. The duty of the Advisory Committee, composed of past Presidents for the five preceding years with the immediate past President as chairman, shall be to confer with the President on all matters relating to the organization.

Section 4. The duty of the Program Committee, appointed by the Executive Council, shall be to plan programs for the organization.